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RAJYA SABHA

Illegal entry fee charged by Group Housing Societies

139. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the illegal collections of entry fee by Group Housing Cooperative Societies in Delhi from the buyers of flats under General Power of Attorney;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to curb this illegal practice; and

(c) whether Government have received any complaints in this regard and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir, as reported by the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Government of NCT of Delhi who are responsible for the conduct and affairs of the Cooperative House Building Societies/ Cooperative Group Housing Societies in Delhi.

(b) The Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Government of NCT of Delhi has issued a directive No. F. 47/100/Coop./R.C.S./Policy/1482—1502 dated the 14th December, 1999 under Rule 77 of the Delhi Cooperative Societies Rules, 1973 restraining all Cooperative Group Housing Societies/Cooperative House Building Societies from charging 'Entry fee' from persons eligible for taking the possession of flat/plot.

(c) Show-cause Notices have been issued to such defaulting Societies by the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Government of NCT of Delhi.

Major city project "Anandgarh" near Chandigarh

140. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:
SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the Punjab Government to reconsider its decision on the issue of developing the major city project of 'Anandgarh' near Chandigarh, as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated 29th June, 2000;

(b) whether the proposed HUDCO loan/financing of Rs. 1000 crore for the project will be held up; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) It has been suggested to the Government of Punjab that before arriving at a final decision, an independent expert committee should be constituted to study the planning, environment, financial and other implications of the Anandgarh Project. The composition of the Expert Committee suggested by the Union Urban Development Minister to the Punjab Chief Minister is given in Statement.

(b) HUDCO has not received any proposal for loan/financial assistance in respect of Anandgarh Project.

(c) Question does not arise.

Statement

Composition of the Expert Committee on Anandgarh Project

1. Dr. Ramachandran, Ex-Chairman, United Nations Human Settlement Commission.
2. Dr. J.P. Singh, IAS (Retd.), Former Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development & presently working as Chairman Delhi Urban Arts Commission.
3. Shri B.V. Doshi, Eminent Architect and Planner, Ahmedabad.
4. Shri A.K. Moitra, Director, School of Planning & Architecture, Delhi.

5. Director or Joint Director (Civil Engineer) of any Indian Institute of Technology.
6. Shri D.K. Chadha, Chairman, Central Ground Water Authority.
7. Shri K.P. Lakshmana Rao, Finance Member, Delhi Development Authority or any other financial expert of the rank of Accountant General.

Demolition of unauthorised construction in Delhi

141. DR. M.N. DAS: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unauthorised constructions in Delhi demolished so far, during the recent operation;

(b) whether these constructions include the dwelling places of the urban poor; and

(c) if so, the number of such houses?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) The approximate number of unauthorised construction demolished by various local bodies including DDA is as under:—

NDMC	: 74 (1.1.1999 to 31.12.1999)
DELHI CANTONMENT BOARD	: 50 (during the last one year).
DDA	: 2908 (January to June, 2000).
MCD	: 754 (January to June, 2000).

DDA has reported that they have not taken action against urban poor in case of DDA flats. NDMC and Delhi Cantonment Board have also not reported any action against the urban poor. Action has been targeted mainly against constructions made in violation of building norms and for encroachments on public lands.